

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 47 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

By permitting the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to establish a policy to provide in-cell education to certain offenders confined in administrative segregation, House Bill No. 47 would run counter to the purpose of administrative segregation, divert important education resources from other offenders, and highlight concerns the legislature has with educating offenders in administrative segregation.

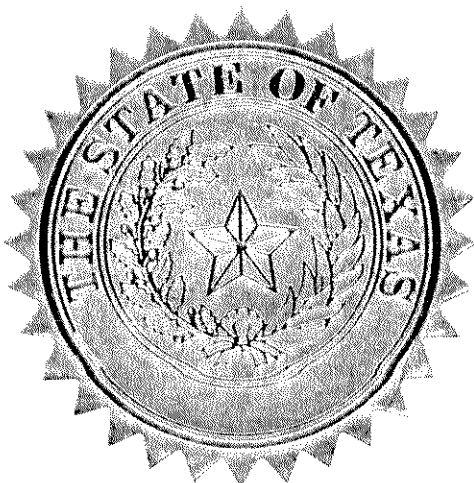
Administrative segregation is generally used to punish offenders who are serious behavior problems. Offenders in administrative segregation lose a number of privileges, including participation in educational or vocational classes. I think it is important to remember why offenders are in administrative segregation and to be judicious in how privileges are returned to those offenders.

In addition, TDCJ estimates that implementation would require additional positions and supplies at a total annual cost of \$2,736,782. I believe these funds are better spent on rehabilitating other, non-violent offenders.

Finally, it is worth comparing the provisions of the bill with the TDCJ budget rider that prohibits in-cell tutoring for offenders in administrative segregation. While I appreciate the distinction between these programs, it indicates to me that the legislature also has reservations about certain types of in-cell education for offenders in administrative segregation.

I hope the Board of Criminal Justice and the legislature will consider this matter further because there are some in administrative segregation, like those offenders who are there for their own protection, who should have access to education. Yet, providing education to offenders in administrative segregation must always be balanced against the reason we have administrative segregation.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



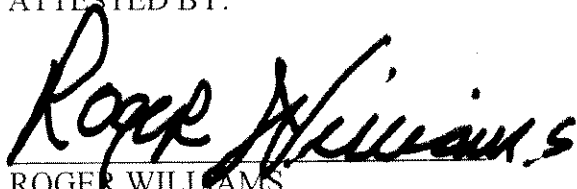
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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JUN 15 2007

ATTESTED BY:

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ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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